

Overview

What most people don't realize is that these rifles started out in Russia as Izhmash AKs, then some of them were converted into Saigas to be sold in the US. If you look at the bottom of the Saiga just in front of the trigger gaurd you'll notice a funny looking metal cover. That cover hides the original trigger hole. All you have to do is...

1. Remove the trigger hole cover.
2. Put new AK trigger components in their original spot (already exists).
3. Cut a small hole for the pistol grip screw.
4. Refinish the paintjob.

Thats all of it. The new "**AK**" trigger parts will install with no modification to anything. They just slap right into their original spot a little farther forward of the "**Saiga**" trigger parts. This allows space for the pistol grip behind the trigger gaurd. The Saiga is already in AK configuration, it is just hidden. The hole left by the "**Saiga**" trigger is covered by the pistol grip.

The only things that are slightly intimidating are cutting off the trigger hole cover plate, and drilling a hole for the pistol grip nut (holds the pistol grip on). But both are easy with a dremel. If you understand the process it can be done in a couple of hours easily. My first time took 3 hours and it's much easier now.

You do have to have the right amount of US parts for the conversion to be legal. This can be done by using all US made parts...

Trigger components...



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Pistol grip nut...



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Pistol grip screw...



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Pistol grip...



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Buttstock...



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It really is easy, it's just a matter of understanding what you are doing. I started out by spending countless hours searching for info on

the conversions, and messing around on forums. It took about a year but finally I understood it enough to try it. It would have been really easy if I could have just got all the info in one place and left out all the people giving advice who hadn't done the conversions. I was a beginner with guns when I did my first Saiga conversion. So I know anyone can do it.